



NICKERSON CONSERVATION FELLOWSHIP

**CAPE
COD
NATIONAL
SEASHORE**

The Joshua A. Nickerson Conservation Fellowship provides support to self-directed qualified individuals whose work will contribute to our knowledge of natural and cultural resources within Cape Cod National Seashore, and the relationships of these resources with the local communities in which they are found.

Proposals will be accepted for research in the broad areas of the natural and social sciences. Topics of interest include terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem processes, biotic and abiotic ecosystem components, cultural and natural resource management, and the political and social implications of resource protection and management.

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Joshua A. Nickerson Conservation Fellowship 2011 Request for Proposals

The Nickerson Conservation Fellowship Committee is currently soliciting proposals for the Nickerson Conservation Fellowship award. Proposals should briefly outline the objectives of the study, and include methods and budget. Emphasis should be placed on how the study will increase conservation efforts, or contribute to the protection of the Seashore's natural and cultural resources.

Cape Cod National Seashore contains a diverse variety of habitats and is characterized by open ocean, beaches, estuaries, and tidal flats. In addition to the marine environment, the Seashore is home to a unique kettle pond system, sensitive vernal pools, and coastal heathlands - a globally uncommon habitat supporting species that are correspondingly rare. More than 17 federally-listed threatened or endangered species are found throughout the Seashore and its marine waters. The physical processes that initially formed Cape Cod continue to reshape the area via wind, waves, tides, and longshore currents. Humans have been a part of this dynamic landscape for at least 10,000 years. These ecosystem processes have created and continue to influence the sensitive natural and cultural heritage that the Nickerson Conservation Fund is dedicated to study.

Eligibility: Successful participants will be affiliated with a recognized research or academic institution, and will possess the enthusiasm and qualifications to carry out the proposed work with minimal involvement of Seashore staff.

Terms: Completed application packets are due by **March 21, 2011**. A stipend in the range of \$3000 will be provided. The final \$500 of the stipend will be awarded upon receipt of the fellow's final report and is due within one year of the initial award. Indirect costs (overhead) will not be supported by the fellowship. Housing will likely be available for a modest fee while research is being conducted in the park. Laboratory space and field equipment may be available, check with the research and monitoring coordinator for details.

To apply, please submit the attached form, along with all supporting material, to:
Megan Tyrrell, Research and Monitoring Coordinator

Megan_Tyrrell@nps.gov
(electronic submission preferred)

or Cape Cod National Seashore
99 Marconi Site Road
Wellfleet, MA 02667

**Joshua A. Nickerson Conservation Fellowship
2011 Application**

Name:	
Research or Academic Institution Affiliation:	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
E-Mail Address:	
PROJECT TITLE:	

Please attach:

- Study Proposal: This should not exceed 5 pages, and should include the study objectives, methods, and relevance to management of Seashore resources.
- Brief summary of your background, experience, and qualifications (resume or CV).
- Equipment, materials, lab space, dates housing will be needed or other requests.
- Project budget detailing how Nickerson Fellowship funding would be expended.
- Season(s) in which work would take place in the Seashore.
- If you are a student, please attach a letter of support from faculty member/advisor or have them send it electronically to the research and monitoring coordinator. Ask your reference to specify Nickerson Fellowship and your name in the subject line of the letter.

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